

DIARY NOTES

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1. I addressed a management training class at [REDACTED]
This was a middle level group (grades GS-11 through GS-13). They appeared to be a very interested and alert group.

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a. Following the class, [REDACTED] his station engineer, and project officer accompanied me to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a
[REDACTED], respectively. I had not visited these stations in several years;

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the activity there has stepped up tremendously due, of course, to the increased emphasis on, and traffic to and from, [REDACTED] We now have 75 employees involved in the operation of these two stations. The construction in progress is certainly necessary to relieve the already over-

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crowded conditions which the stepped-up traffic has created. The construction is slightly behind schedule but there is a reasonably good work force on the job, and it is [REDACTED] opinion that it is going along all right. One thing which is needed at [REDACTED] however, is an improved mess facility. Bill is undertaking a staff study to decide whether we can support a mess there. I doubt that we can, but we certainly could provide a little better facility for the personnel even though they may have to bring their own food. I looked particularly into the necessity for a seven-foot, security-type fence around [REDACTED] which are comprised of about 200 acres each a few miles apart. I believe there are three reasons why we need to consider this action: (1) as a protection against sabotage in times of crisis; (2) in order to get the military to agree to supply military police to guard the facility in times of emergency (they apparently will not enter into any such agreement unless a security-type fence has already been installed); and (3) the actual transmitter and receiver buildings at the two sites are enclosed by a security-type fence, but the perimeter is enclosed by a two-strand barbed wire fence only.

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There is a safety problem, however, at [REDACTED]
There are antennas only 18 to 24 inches above ground over a very substantial part of the area. The voltage in these antennas during periods of transmission is high enough to kill an animal or an individual if it should be struck. "High Voltage" signs are prominently posted around the perimeter fence; however, there is still some danger that an animal, a child, a hunter, or what-have-you might inadvertently trespass and be electrocuted. (I do not attach too much importance to the first two arguments at this point in time; however, for safety reasons I think we

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25X1A6a probably should put a fence around [REDACTED] if money can be found during the fourth quarter of this Fiscal Year.)

25X1A6a b. I returned to [REDACTED] in time for luncheon and met briefly with the staff. I told them a little bit about the upcoming budget and personnel squeeze and about the uncertainty as to the utility of [REDACTED] as an emergency relocation center. I speculated that, regardless of how current studies now going on under [REDACTED] come out, nothing would happen in the next year or two short of a national emergency for purely budgetary, if for no other, reasons. I emphasized to the personnel that we knew they were carrying a very heavy work load and that we were grateful, but I frankly saw no way of relieving the burden during Fiscal Years 1965 and 1966.

25X1A9a c. Following the meeting with the staff, [REDACTED] presented to me a brief analysis he had made of the growth of the station since 1951. It is a very impressive document and should serve us well in defending our case for additional money and people.

25X1A9a d. In the course of my meeting with the staff, the Chief of the Records Center advised me that, at the current rate of accession, the Records Center would be full in about eighteen months. I told him that we must find some way to prevent this from happening because I didn't think that we would undertake any additional construction during that time; but, if we should, now is the time to get started. (I want to have this matter reviewed immediately by [REDACTED] and his staff.)

e. I returned to Headquarters at about 1520 hours.

25X1A9a 2. Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] briefed me on a scheme to accommodate the expanded DD/I Special Center. It has the disadvantage of routing some people through the Library on their way to the cafeteria, but it appears to be the best of several schemes which have been suggested by both George and the Deputy Director (Intelligence). (I gave it my blessing provided that they can sell it to the DD/I.)

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